

# April 2010 Christ Church Chronicle



## Holy Week Schedule

<b>28 March, 10:00 am</b>	<b>Passion Sunday Eucharist</b>
<b>1 April, 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Agape Feast</b>
<b>2 April, Noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>2 April, 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Liturgy</b>
<b>3 April, 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>4 April, 10:00 am</b>	<b>The Resurrection of our Lord</b>



## Holy Week Reminders

### The Agape Feast

There is a signup sheet on the easel by the office on which to indicate what you will bring for the Agape Feast which follows the Maundy Thursday eucharist and stripping of the altar.

Nuts, dried fruits, olives, crackers and cheese are the usual items.

### Easter Vigil

Don't forget to bring a small bell to ring during the Alleluia.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT CHRIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY

10 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:15 AM ECW (Second Sunday)  
11:15 AM Vestry (Third Sunday)

### TUESDAY

10 AM (Third Tuesday) Northwest  
Spinners & Weavers Guild  
Noon Open AA Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

Noon Open AA Meeting  
7:30 PM Choir

### THURSDAY

10 AM Soup Kitchen (First Thursday)  
Noon Open AA Meeting  
7 PM Red Door Quilters

### FRIDAY

8 AM TOPS  
Noon Open AA Meeting

### SATURDAY

9 AM (First Saturday) Northwest  
Spinners & Weavers Guild  
10 am 3 Colors Group (Third Saturday)  
8 PM Saturday Night AA Meeting

## From our Priest:

Dear Friends and Family of Christ Church,

[St. Peter Claver](#)'s life was spent in the holds of slave ships with African victims who had no hope in this world. From that experience he used to say: "The only book people should read is the story of the passion." For those of us who pray with the church, this is a painful time - the day in which we remember Jesus's passion.

At one time when murder had been committed in a European village all were called together to come and place their hand on the crucifix and swear they had no part in the murder. None of us can say that about Jesus's murder. We all had a part in it. But we also share his passion.

Most commonly we experience the cross in our lives as failure. Our chore at this time is to carry our crosses as Jesus did with love as our share in redeeming the world.

Think too about this... On the first Easter morn the apostles and holy women did not see a ghost of Jesus. They saw him in the flesh, can we say a different flesh as different as a cone from a sequoia. We touch on the mystery of a body not only Jesus's but ours as well. A body which will express us at our best without tiredness nor rebellion. How beyond our imagination is the mystery. It is the very center of our faith.

When you wish someone Happy Easter you should take profound and deep joy knowing that the best part of us will "cheat" the grave. In our very bodies we already hold the seeds of resurrection. None of us is mortal!

Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed  
Alleluia  
Happy Easter to you and yours  
Your priest and friend.

Father Larry+

## March Vestry Tidbits

Stuart Thompson and Shelley Huston will be the delegates to Diocesan Convention in November. Tom Collard will be the alternate.

A mid-year Stewardship campaign is planned because there was no campaign in the fall. Pauli Thompson agreed to be in charge of that.

Betty Reed has been doing Pastoral Care for which the vestry is grateful. She is now the committee.

The Parochial Report shows far more members than can be found. It is difficult to determine who really should be on the rolls. Help in the archives would be appreciated.

The auction will be Saturday, 22 May 2010. See Auction Update below.

## Altar Servers:

### April 1 Maundy Thursday

EM: Ellen Gracie  
Lector: Jeri Hogan  
Crucifer: Jillian Gray  
1<sup>st</sup> Server: Jodi Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> server: Betty Reed

### April 2 Good Friday

Crucifer: Shane Thompson

### April 3 Easter Vigil

EM: Elizabeth Weiss-Ozorak  
Lector: Leslie Work  
Crucifier: Jillian Gray  
1<sup>st</sup> server: Jodi Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> server: Adrian Work

### April 4 Easter Sunday

EM: Shelley Huston  
Lector: Jodi Gray  
Crucifer: Carol Teresi  
1<sup>st</sup> server: Stephanie Onyeiwu  
2<sup>nd</sup> server: Betty Reed

### April 11

EM: Ellen Gracie  
Lector: Rod Fernandez  
Crucifer: Roxana Fernandez  
1<sup>st</sup> server: Jodi Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> server: Jillian Gray

### April 18

EM: Stuart Thompson  
Lector: Alyssa Fernandez  
Crucifer: Shane Thompson  
1<sup>st</sup> Server: Stephanie Onyeiwu  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server: Adrian Work

### April 25

EM: Shelley Huston  
Lector: Jeri Hogan  
Crucifer: Carol Teresi  
1<sup>st</sup> Server: Roxana Fernandez  
2<sup>nd</sup> server: Betty Reed

## Senior Warden sez....

Christ Church is on the cusp of change. We aren't there yet but we have college students attending every Sunday and actively seeking ways to participate in parish life. We have new families with young children. The Church School is growing. We have new faces on the Vestry bringing new ideas to the table. That's exciting!

We are reaching out beyond our parish community. Not only is this what we are called to do but it is vital to our parish growth. This year we have budgeted 5% of pledge revenue for outreach. Not much but a great start. A portion of the profits from our annual dinner and auction will be used to meet our outreach budget of \$3,150.

The dinner and auction is our largest and most successful fundraiser. Every one of us needs to get involved in some way. We need to solicit auction items, both new and lightly used. One retailer in town has already contributed something for the auction. We need to sell tickets for the event. The dinner will be professionally catered. As always, we will need to supply desserts and beverages. We also need to sell tickets. We are limited to 100 tickets which must be sold in advance for the caterer to plan. We need to buy tickets ourselves. More importantly we must talk up the event, attend ourselves and bring in others from the community at large. Let's get excited! Let's get it done!

Tom Collard, Senior Warden



## April Birthdays

- 5 Mike Ramella
- 7 Erica Boehm
- 8 Jim Nelson
- 20 Nicholas Ozorak



## The annual Christ Church Auction

will be held on Saturday, 22 May this year. We have a caterer and an auctioneer. We need quality items to auction. We need desserts. And we need to sell tickets. If we sell all 100 tickets, we will more than cover the outreach budget. We will share the proceeds with the Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center.

While you are doing spring cleaning, put aside all those high quality items you know or even suspect someone else can use or might even enjoy having. Save the other stuff for the fall rummage sale. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have anything lightly used that they would like to get out of the house. The church will be open for two days prior to the auction to receive your donations.

When you are getting a massage or exercising or visiting a merchant with whom you do business regularly, ask if the proprietor will contribute a gift certificate. Please check the list on the easel by the office for businesses that have already been contacted. We don't want to harass anyone. AND be sure to sign the list after contacting a business so others know.

In order to limit the duration of the auction, only higher value pieces will be sold by the auctioneer. Smaller items will be sold in a Chinese auction. Several similar donations may be auctioned as a group.

Dinner is rumored to include artichoke chicken and more. We will provide desserts. Cakes are easy but pies seem to be preferred. Cookies and more fanciful creations are always welcome.

The auction is our primary fundraising opportunity. Everyone's participation via donations and tickets is vital.

## **Don't forget:**

To bring Agape Feast munchies.

To bring a small bell to Easter Vigil.

To return the questionnaire from the March Chronicle to be eligible for the drawing and win the privilege of choosing one hymn for each week in May.

To help at Soup kitchen 10 am at Stone Methodist Church on Thursday, 1 April - no foolin'. Please add your name to the list of volunteers by notifying Betty Reed. She will call and remind you. At least 4 people from Christ Church are required to do all the work. More would be greatly appreciated.

That the first Sunday of the month, the cash in the offering goes to the Alms Fund.

To bring canned goods and personal products – like toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. – for Women's Services on the first Sunday of the month. There is a basket at the back of the church for your donations.

## **Thanks:**

To the people who contributed to the bishop's appeal for seminarians.

## **How You Can Help...**

Find a way to put working bulbs in the light fixtures at the top of the nave. So far scaffolding and/or people willing to do the work have not been found. Episcopalians are not in the dark regarding Christianity. The parish should not be in the dark either.

Learn to blog to publish online information of interest to the parish. Shelley Huston will teach you. If you can email, you can blog. If you don't know what a blog is, you can see Christ Church's blog [here](http://christchurchmeadville.blogspot.com/) or at <http://christchurchmeadville.blogspot.com/>

Volunteer to help Betty Reed with Pastoral Care. If you enjoy visiting people, sending notes and otherwise keeping in touch with people in the parish, see Betty to coordinate efforts.

Help determine the accurate membership of Christ Church by digging thru the archives for records of baptisms, weddings, deaths, etc. See Tom Collard for more information.

## **Episcopal Creativity**

The Washington Post has an annual peep contest. This entry is called the Washington National Peep-Thedral. I believe it was one of the finalists.



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1	Sunday							
2	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> EM: Ellen, L: Jeri C: Jillian	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Liturgy</b> C: Shane				10:00 am Soup Kitchen	Noon: Stations of the Cross	7:30 Easter Vigil
3	1s: Jodi, 2S: Betty					7:30 Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy	EM:Elizabeth, L:Leslie C: Jillian
4	<b>Easter</b> 10:00 am HE	4 EM: Shelley, L: Jodi C: Carol	5	6	7	8	9	10 1S: Jodi, 2S: Adrian
5		1S:Stephanie, 2S:Betty						
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8	<b>2 Easter</b> 10:00 am HE	11 EM: Ellen, L: Rod C: Roxana	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	11:15 am ECW	1S: Jodi, 2S: Jillian			7:30 Choir			
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14	<b>3 Easter</b> 10:00 am HE	18 EM: Stuart, L: Alyssa C: Shane	19	20	21	22	23	24
15	11:15 am Vestry	1S:Stephanie, 2S:Adrian			7:30 Choir			
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20	<b>4 Easter</b> 10:00 am HE	25 EM: Shelley, L: Jeri C: Carol	26	27	28	29	30	
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HE=Holy Eucharist, EM=Eucharistic Minister, L=Lector, C=Crucifer, 1S=1st Server, 2S=2nd Server, ECW=Episcopal Church Women

